

NEWS BRIEFLY STATED.

Matters of General Interest Taken from the Wires.

Some of the Happenings of the Past Week Given in Condensed Paragraphs for Busy People.

Wednesday, May 6.

The German foreign office has granted of the exequator of the Cuban consul general, Senor Volez, at Hamburg.

The resumption of the trials of the Shanrock III was prevented by the inclemency of the weather.

Charles M. Schwab has been re-elected president of the United States Steel Corporation.

The trustees of Columbia university have appointed Professor James Brown Scott, of the University of Illinois, to a professorship.

Yaqui Indians in Sonora, Mexico, are holding Colonel Martin Ericson, a millionaire stockman for a ransom.

The annual convention of the National Association of Co-Operative Mutual Insurance Companies is in session at Chattanooga.

Thursday, May 7.

A 2-cent-per-mile passenger fare bill has gone to engrossment in the Wisconsin assembly.

The bill granting women the right to vote was rejected in the Connecticut house of representatives.

Havana, Cuba, is a healthier place than Washington, according to the latest government reports.

William Scollay Whitwell, a popular senior at Harvard and member of the university crew and foot ball eleven, has been missing since Feb. 27.

Circuit Attorney Folk, of St. Louis, refused to accept a \$15,000 home as a testimonial from friends.

Miss Beulah Jacobs, 16 years old, is missing from Chicago and her friends suspect she has eloped with Earl McCormick.

Friday, May 8.

Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock is in Indian Territory on government business.

Of Episcopal dioceses Pennsylvania and Washington vote against a change of the name of the church, Florida has voted aye.

What is intended to be one of the largest hotels in the world will be erected at a cost of \$3,000,000 at Saratoga, N. Y.

Three men held up the saloon of W. Manson, Twenty-fifth and LaSalle streets, Chicago, while half a dozen patrons were at the bar.

Dr. Lorenz, the Vienna surgeon, has been showing the doctors gathered at New Orleans how to reduce congenital hip dislocation.

The strike situation at Montreal is practically unchanged.

Saturday, May 9.

The appearance is reported of bubonic plague at Callao, Peru.

The southern Baptist convention is in session at Savannah, Ga., with fully 3,000 delegates and visitors present.

Paul C. Wagnitz, county assessor, of Missoula, Mont., who left his home two weeks ago to collect taxes, is believed to be dead, a victim of foul play.

The National Association of Mutual Co-Operative Insurance Companies will hold its next convention in Topeka, Kan., in May, 1904.

Dong Gong, a Chinese leper who escaped at St. Louis, was recaptured in a Chinese laundry.

Peter Griffin, an Ohio farmer, was robbed of \$700 while asleep in the Grand Central passenger station, Chicago.

Miss Jane Field, who in private life is Miss Minna Clausenius, of Chicago, is engaged to Laurens Pember Rider, a wealthy New Yorker, and will leave the stage in three weeks.

Monday, May 11.

A mosque at Klipprind, Bulgaria, in which 200 Moslems had assembled was blown up with dynamite.

Notice has been given in the Canadian house of commons of abill to change the name of Hudson bay to the Canadian sea.

Owing to the discovery of bubonic plague at Callao the principal markets of Lima, Peru, have been closed.

Sousa and his band are playing at the Philharmonic in Berlin to big houses.

Colima volcano, in Mexico, continues in violent eruption.

On Dedication day, Thursday, April 30, 103,237 persons in all were admitted to the World's fair grounds at St. Louis.

Forty-five German farmers who are touring the United States to study agriculture have arrived at St. Louis.

Tuesday, May 12.

The American Therapeutic society, in fourth annual convention, is in session at Washington.

George H. Ketcham is preparing to take Crescents to Europe this fall.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the American Academy of Medicine is in session at Washington.

Suit for \$1,000,000 taxes has been filed by the state of Kentucky against the Southern Pacific Railroad company.

A fist fight on March 16 between Anton Besse and John Connors, at Chicago, has just resulted in the death of Besse.

An unknown Cleveland member of the Knights of Columbus has added \$4,000 to the \$1,000 offered for the arrest of the slayer of Agatha Reichlin at Lorain, O.



How Plants Get Carbon.

Prof. F. H. King: Of course not all of the carbonic acid in the air which passes across a clover field can be secured, nor indeed all of that which enters the intercellular air passages of the green parts of the plant, and hence it follows that very much larger volumes of air than have been stated must be brought into close contact with the growing clover in order to meet its needs. This air, however, cannot come into intimate relations with the green chlorophyll-bearing cells of the clover in the field without of necessity permitting the evaporation of large quantities of water from the plants; and this brings us to realize how imperative is the demand for water by rapidly growing crops. The writer has found, for example, by direct measurement that the air passing three feet above a clover field, and at a moderate rate, even as early as May 30 in Wisconsin, when the air temperature is only 52.48 F., may have its relative humidity increased from 44 to 48 per cent by the moisture taken from the field; and this means that 3,510 pounds of water are required to make even the observed change of humidity in a volume of 152,600,000 cubic feet of air, which is the amount required to carry to the clover crop its carbon, supposing all the carbon which the air contained to be utilized.

Nebraska Live Stock Breeders.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Improved Live Stock Breeders' Association was held Jan. 21 at the State University at Lincoln. The attendance was good and the interest excellent. Among the papers read at the meeting was one by Prof. Smith on the feeding value of wheat. He declared it to be more efficient than corn in the feeding of steers, and that 100 pounds of wheat would equal 105 pounds of corn for that purpose. A very good paper on ergot was read by Prof. J. L. Sheldon. Ergot contains properties that are poisonous to man and beast. When cattle have been fed through the winter on hay containing ergot, the poison begins to manifest itself towards spring. It reduces the circulation to such an extent that the blood collects in the extremities of the animal, such as the tail and the ears. The preventive is to see that no grass containing ergot is eaten by cattle and that none of it is cut for hay. Dr. W. H. Dalrymple of Louisiana talked on the immunizing of northern cattle. He expressed his confidence in the value of inoculating northern cattle against Texas fever when taken South. Other papers were read by well-known professors and stock raisers.

Winter Shelter for Pigs.

Feeds and Feeding: At the Kansas Agricultural College, Shelton tested the value of shelter during winter with ten pure-bred Berkshires, weighing from 200 to 250 pounds each, divided into two lots of five each. One lot was placed in a warm basement, each pig occupying a pen by itself. The pigs in the other lot were likewise kept in separate pens, but in an open yard, the only protection being a board fence on the north. The trial began Nov. 27, lasting ten weeks. The outdoor temperature ranged from 12 degrees below zero to 31 above zero, and the indoor temperature from 19 to 42 degrees above. The pigs were given all the sheltered corn they would consume without waste, with the results stated below:

The pigs kept in the barn consumed 2,878, the total gain was 604, and the amount of feed required for 100 pounds of gain was 476.

The pigs kept in open yard consumed 2,844 pounds, made a total gain of 479 pounds, and required 533 pounds of feed to make 100 pounds of gain.

We learn from the above that the pigs kept in the open yard required 117 pounds, or 25 per cent more corn for 100 pounds of gain than those given shelter.

Salt Brine as an Egg Preserver.

Method: A brine was made by dissolving ninety grams (about three and one-fourth ounces) of common table salt in 1,500 cubic centimeters (about one and two-thirds quarts) of distilled water, making about a six per cent solution. On May 15, 1899, twenty fresh eggs were washed, placed in a stone jar, and the brine poured over them until all were fully covered by the liquid. Result Good, 9 per cent; bad, 100 per cent. On opening the jar, May 31, 1900, a stinking odor was evident. The shells of the eggs were, however, clean and clear. The whites were clear, but watery. The yolks were like thick gum clear through, and contracted into nearly perfectly formed globules, with heightened reddish color. The flavor was stale and briny. The eggs were not usable.

The great problems connected with the feeding of cattle are being studied as never before. The American stockman is making greater progress in the solution of these feeding problems than any other man, and this is largely due to our 56 experiment stations.

"Wattles" are the red, depending structures at each side of the base of the beak, chiefly developed in the male sex.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VII, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, MAY 17.

Text of the Lesson, Acts xiv, 10-19, 21-26—Memory Verses, 14-16—Golden Text, Ps. cxiii, 4—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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10-13. Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

Five days after Paul had been placed under the care of Felix, the governor at Caesarea, the high priest and the elders and an orator named Tertullus arrived from Jerusalem, and Paul being brought forth, the orator delivered his accusation, and the Jews assented to it. Paul, being permitted to speak for himself, denies their accusations and says that they can prove nothing. It is the common story of things laid to our charge that we know not—the perversity of false witnesses (Ps. xxxv, 11). The Spirit, through Peter, reminds us that it is cause for thanksgiving if for conscience toward God we endure grief suffering wrongfully, that if when we do well and suffer for it we take it patiently God is well pleased and that it is better, if the will of God be so, that we suffer for well doing than for evil-doing (1 Pet. ii, 19, 20; iii, 17).

14. But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.

It was his custom to expound and testify the kingdom of God and persuade people concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets (Acts xxviii, 23). It was the custom of the Lord Jesus to begin at Moses and all the prophets and expound in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself and to assert that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and in the prophets and in the psalms concerning Him (Luke xxiv, 27, 44). There is no one to follow fully but the Lord Jesus, and there is no better example of one who followed Him fully than the apostle Paul.

15. And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust.

When Paul was rescued from the mob by the chief captain and on the next day brought before the council, part Sadducees and part Pharisees, it was the topic of the resurrection which so stirred them that it seemed as if they would tear Paul in pieces had not the chief captain taken him by force from among them (chapter xxiii, 6, 10). It was the same night, in the castle, that the Lord appeared to him and assured him that as he had testified at Jerusalem so he must testify at Rome (xxiii, 11), thus endorsing his testimony and asking for more of it. All who now believe God believe in the resurrection of the dead, but not all believers accept the plain teaching of 1 Thess. iv, 16, 17; 1 Cor. xv, 24, 25; Rev. xx, 5, 6; Luke xiv, 14; xx, 34, and other passages concerning the resurrection.

16. And herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offense toward God and toward men.

His aim is plainly stated in such words as these: "According to my earnest expectation and my hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed;" "Not as pleasing men, but God, who trieth our hearts;" "Ye are witnesses, and God, also, how holily and justly and unblamably we behaved ourselves among you that believe" (Phil. i, 20; 1 Thess. ii, 4, 10). The Lord Jesus and His approval were more to Paul than the presence or approval of the greatest of earth's great ones. The result of Paul's speech was that Felix said he would wait until he had heard the chief captain's version of the affair, and he gave him in charge of a centurion, with orders to let him have liberty and also the fellowship and ministry of his acquaintances (verses 22 and 23).

24-26. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment, to come, Felix trembled and answered: Go thy way for this time. When I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

This was in one of his many talks with Felix and on an occasion when his wife, Drusilla, a Jewess, was present also. The words of our Lord Jesus in John xvi, 8, are often confounded with these words concerning Paul, but our Lord in His words does not mention judgment to come. That which Paul set before Felix concerning righteousness may be easily inferred from Rom. iii, 19, 24; x, 1-10; Tit. iii, 5; Phil. iii, 7, 9. He would doubtless set forth our sinfulness by nature and practice, our need of righteousness to enable us to appear before God, God's abundant provision for that need in Christ Jesus and His free offer of it to every penitent sinner. That which he taught concerning temperance we may infer from Tit. ii, 12; iii, 8; II Cor. iv, 14, 15; Rom. vi, 11-14. He would show that when we become righteous in Christ by His finished work then we are to renounce self and sin and the world and live wholly unto God, who so freely justifies the penitent sinner; that as disciples of Christ we are to deny self and take up the cross daily and follow Him (Matt. xvi, 24). Concerning judgment to come He would probably speak as he did to the Athenians in Acts xvii, 30, 31. He might dwell upon the mighty words of Eccl. xii, 14, and set forth the matter as in Rom. xiv, 7-12; II Cor. v, 9, 10. He would make it clear, no doubt, that all who will not receive Christ and His righteousness are abiding under the wrath of God and already condemned (John iii, 18, 36), and if they die thus can never be redeemed (John viii, 21, 24), but will finally come before the great white throne and be sent into the lake of fire (Rev. xx, 11-15), while if saved in Christ the judgment for sin is past, but there will be a judgment of works and rewards for service at the judgment seat of Christ (John v, 24; Isa. xliii, 25; Rev. xxii, 12).

Platinum. Platinum rarely occurs in nuggets, though once in a while a lump of it is found: the biggest on record, about the size of a tumbler, being now preserved in the Dresden museum. Some time ago John M. Davidson of Rochester, N. Y., found the metal in two meteorites—an interesting discovery, inasmuch as it proved that platinum exists in other worlds than ours.

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